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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Priestley

APPLICATION NO: 10/039,317

EXAMINER: Maury Audet

FILED: 10/23/2001

ART UNIT: 1654

FOR: Peptide Inhibitors of Hepatitis C Virus NS3 Protease

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Reply and request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

We received the Office Action related to application 10/039,317 dated November 28, 2003 setting a three month shortened statutory response period ending February 28, 2003. In response to this Office Action, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application.